

protecting and increasing its foreign intelligence collection capabilities while simultaneously promoting our foreign policy goals. To that end, in July of this year the Department of State issued new, uniform guidance that clarified the contact procedures and guidelines for executive branch personnel (including military attaches) with respect to official representatives of nations of concern. I believe that these guidelines strike an appropriate balance among the competing interests at stake. Accordingly, consistent with my constitutional responsibilities with respect to the conduct of foreign policy and as Commander in Chief, I will continue to expect that foreign policy guidance provided to U.S. defense attaches will be treated as a foreign policy matter, and direct that the July guidance remain in effect until such time as I decide otherwise.

The Act also creates a commission to review the roles, mission, and operations of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), and I am pleased to note that the Director of Central Intelligence will have a representative on the commission. While I support the establishment of this commission, I believe that because the NRO is an element within the Department of Defense, the Department should be represented on the commission. I also recommend that the commission coordinate its review and findings of mutual interest with the Commission to Assess U.S. National Security Space Management and Organization established by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65). Further, H.R. 1555 provides that “[n]o department or agency of the Government may withhold information from the [National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office] on the grounds that providing the information to the Commission would constitute the unauthorized disclosure of classified information or information relating to intelligence sources or methods.” I do not read this provision to detract from my constitutional authority, including my authority over national security information.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
December 3, 1999.

NOTE: H.R. 1555, approved December 3, was assigned Public Law No. 106-120.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### **November 28**

The President and Hillary Clinton returned to the White House from Camp David, MD.

### **November 29**

In an early evening ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Lebohang K. Moleko of Lesotho, Mario Artaza of Chile, Roland Eng of Cambodia, Simbi Veke Mubako of Zimbabwe, Roberto Bernardo Saladin Selin of the Dominican Republic, Guillermo Alfredo Ford Boyd of Panama, Mohamed Nabil Fahmy of Egypt, Shunji Yanai of Japan, and Jibril Muhammed Aminu of Nigeria.

The President announced the recess appointment of Leonard R. Page as General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

### **November 30**

In the morning, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA.

In the evening, the President traveled to Beverly Hills, CA, and later, he traveled to Seattle, WA, arriving after midnight.

The President announced his intention to appoint John T. Pawlikowski and Jerome J. Shestack to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

### **December 1**

In the morning, the President toured the Control Tower and Terminal Five Transit Shed at the Port of Seattle.

In the afternoon, the President briefly spoke to representatives of the agricultural community.

Later, the President met separately with International Leaders, NGO Environmental Leaders, and NGO Labor Leaders in the Governor's Suite at the Westin Hotel.

### ***December 2***

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA, where he attended a reception at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

### ***December 3***

In the afternoon, the President participated in a menorah lighting ceremony in the Oval Office.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

### ***Released November 29***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Statement by the Press Secretary: Meeting With His Excellency Ernesto Zedillo, President of Mexico

Announcement: Attendees at the Signing of H.R. 3194, "Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000"

### ***Released December 1***

Transcript of a press briefing by U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling on the Seattle Round

### ***Released December 2***

Transcript of a press briefing by Labor Secretary Alexis Herman and National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling on the International Labor Organization convention

Statement by U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and Council on Environmental Quality Chairman George Frampton: On Trade Liberalization and Forest Protection

### ***Released December 3***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by Labor Secretary Alexis Herman and Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Martin Bailey on economic growth

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## **Acts Approved by the President**

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### ***Approved November 29***

H.R. 100 / Public Law 106–111

To establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

H.R. 197 / Public Law 106–112

To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the "Clifford R. Hope Post Office"

H.R. 3194 / Public Law 106–113

Making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes

S. 278 / Public Law 106–114

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico

S. 382 / Public Law 106–115

Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1999